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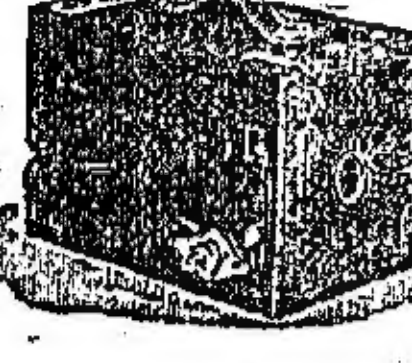
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 19TH 1905.

But a few years ago it was a universally accepted axiom in politics that oriental nations did not contain within themselves the elements necessary for the successful adoption of representative institutions. The examples brought forward in support of the thesis were unanswerable, and the West, and more especially the Teutonic West, including therein all peoples who could lay any claim to Germanic relationship, laid much flattering unction accordingly to its soul. It was naturally temporarily forgotten that one of the countries where representative institutions had longest flourished was Hungary, where the Magyar influence has ever been in the ascendant, and that no country has struggled longer and in the long run more successfully for the maintenance of its civic liberties, though placed under conditions extremely adverse. A further illustration of the insufficiency of the foundation on which this argument has been based is furnished in the recent history of the Latin races, which seemed to have an especial capacity for undergoing ill government. Under Visigoths and Burgundians France had, on the decline of the Roman Empire, succeeded in establishing free institutions where the people were represented. As the vivifying power of the Germanic stock died out, a succession of rulers under different dynasties made gradual encroachments, till in the eighteenth century France

to all purposes had become a practical autocracy. In Spain much the same thing happened; the Vandal and Visigoths introduced free institutions, but the Moors conquered the land, and after their expulsion the kingdom became a military state and the last vestiges of liberty were lost. Under the Emperor CHARLES V. and his successors the Cortes were reduced to a machine for merely registering the Royal decrees, and were finally extinguished. In Italy the Goths and Lombards also established their free assemblies, and after the break up of these kingdoms the powers of the state were continued in the cities. Here, as formerly in Greece, liberty gave way to licentiousness and the cities grew into contemptible despotisms, in which state, we find them in the end of the eighteenth century. Then came the French Revolution; it commenced with a period of unbridled liberty; it ended in a military despotism. On the final fall of the first Empire the Congress of Vienna undertook to re-establish Europe and, indifferent to the needs and desires of the people, it was divided up amongst the various rulers. Representative institutions were in the new arrangements studiously ignored. Russia, in fact, was the model, and the Tsar ALEXANDER was for a time practically the arbiter of the Continent; never was popular government at so low an ebb, and the various monarchs set themselves steadily to repress the few remains that survived. The plot was, however, not successful, and in 1848 began the inevitable reaction. France, Germany, Austria, followed by several of the minor states, established constitutional governments; and though some of these were afterwards dissolved or modified, on the whole the various peoples contrived to secure wider privileges than before. France, however, fell under a second Empire, though this, nominally at least, was founded on popular institutions. Impelled by the popular feeling Louis NAPOLEON, now Emperor of the French, undertook to free northern Italy from the oppression of the petty rulers under the thumb of Austria, to which it had been consigned by the Congress: the movement was more successful than he had calculated on or probably desired. At all events, in a few years it resulted in the establishment of a constitutional monarchy over the whole of Italy, shortly afterwards to be followed by the concession of popular rule in Hungary. Except in Germany, where popular government is kept in hand by a powerful Imperial Monarchy, the whole of Europe, extending, of course, Russia and the Ottoman Empire, has now come effectively under constitutional rule, with the best effects on rulers and people alike. In the two Americas, South Africa, and Australia, popular government is also the rule, so that with the exception of Asia, and the two practically Asiatic nations of Russia and Turkey, the whole of the civilised world has now thrown in its lot with constitutionalism as the best form of government.

In Asia, where the first great empires of the world had their origin, the people as such have never had any voice in their own national affairs. None of the great ancient empires ever conceived such a thing, nor did the people ever imagine that they had any claim to interfere in the councils of their rulers. Disaffection did from time to time appear, but it was the unwillingness of independent nations to be brought into subjection by their neighbours; not any dissatisfaction with the mere form of government, which neither they nor their rulers considered affected them in any way. Except perhaps a few mountain tribes, none of these peoples had any conception of liberty as understood by the Greeks, their idea of liberty being simply freedom to plunder their neighbours. Still, we hear in various quarters of peoples with more advanced ideas. The Zend Avesta in its first chapter speaks of the dwellers by the Raugha (the upper Jaxartes), "governed without kings." In almost similar words the Shiki tells of the Tocharians in ancient Bactria, who had no supreme ruler, each city or town electing its own chiefs. But these peoples were closely connected with the Getae, the forebears of the European Goths, and apparently the idea of liberty has been congenial. Now it is interesting to note that the founders of the first states in China were immigrants from these same districts, and not directly connected with these very people; and we do find amongst the early Chinese traces of their influence. Mencius was as free in his comments on government and governors as any modern constitutional statesman. Talking of the old traditions of Yao and Shun some one asks him:—Was it the case,

then, that Yao gave the Empire to Shun? By no means, was the reply, no one but Heaven can confer the Empire. So! But did Heaven do this in so many words? By no means, Heaven does not use words. It indicated its choice in his conduct of affairs. Yao presented Shun to Heaven, but he could not by doing so compel Heaven to confer the Empire. Yao, indeed, presented him, and Heaven accepted, and the people, knowing this, accepted also. But may I venture to ask, goes on his interlocutor, regarding this presentation to Heaven, and its acceptance, how came the people to know it? He was commissioned to make the sacrifices, and the Spiritual Hosts were favourable; thus Heaven showed its acceptance; he was commissioned to preside over affairs, and affairs were well conducted, and the people had ease; thus the people showed their acceptance.

Here we see, then, expressed in a few pithy sentences, the fundamental principles of constitutional government. The Emperor is, indeed, the Tsar, but the old pronunciation of the latter syllable was not *far* but *far*, and indicated not the *far*, but the *dear*, executor. The ruler is, indeed, commissioned by heaven, but the commission, like that of the English judge, is only during "good behaviour," and automatically ceases through misconduct, or when the executor exceeds his trust. Such has ever been tacitly assumed as the foundation of the Chinese Empire, and though but few have had the courage to state it as plainly as Mencius, it has always been the reason assigned for the many changes of dynasty which mark Chinese history. In recommending, then, to the Throne the despatch to Europe of Commissioners to enquire into the practice of Representative Government, its present advisers have been recommending no new departure. Rebellion and deposition are hard words, but inefficiency in government shows disrespect to the decrees of Heaven; so much the traditions of antiquity teach. Is there no alternative short of disruption by which the present paralysis of government may be rectified? Such is the problem now engaging the most trusted advisers of the Throne. Doubtless the example of Japan has had much to say to the inception of the movement. Japan has learnt much of China, not least of all in her theories of government; but in these as in other things she has gone ahead of her teachers. Is it possible that in introducing representative institutions she has really hit on the solution of the difficulty?

The British steamers *Panama* and *Piquea*, 1,367 tons each, have been sold to Japanese.

The deposits in the Japanese Post Office Savings Banks have increased Yen 10,000,000 in the last seven months.

The Soy Lun Silk Filature at Shanghai was sold by Messrs. L. Moore & Co. on September 9th for Tls. 175,000.

It has been suggested that there must be something the matter with the compasses of the German warship *Seeadler*.

His Excellency the Governor yesterday presented a number of handsome pictures to the Seamen's Institute at Praya East.

According to the *Japan Daily Mail* the *Yoroku Choko* and *Niroku Shinbun* advocated assassination in terms that no reader could misunderstand.

Fire broke out on the German barque *Rickner Rickner*, laden with kerosene oil, at Yokohama on the 5th but was got under with the aid of the Water Police.

The wreck of the twin-screw steamer *Cucula*, late Wuchang, is offered for sale by tender at Yokohama, as she lies stranded off the coast of Saghalien.

The typhoon signal (red cone point downwards and drum) was hoisted yesterday, indicating the approach of a typhoon from the north west.

American papers report that the pearl and shell fisheries in the Sulu group of the Philippine archipelago promise to be an important industry in the near future.

A certain Censor, in view of the order for the discontinuance of literary examinations, has memorialised the Throne, recommending that the sale of official titles be abolished.

Capt. Cecil Kaye of the 21st Punjab is married at Tientsin on the 5th inst. to Miss Margaret Sarah, daughter of the Rev. T. Bryson, of the London Mission, Tientsin.

The H.-A.L.S. *Admiral von Treppe*, which is to run between Shanghai and Tientsin, is described as the "finest-looking merchant steamer that has ever been to Tientsin."

Russia is said to have discovered that the Russian fishing companies on Saghalien, whose rights the Russian Government has been championing for years against the Japanese, all belong to an Englishman.

There appears to be more behind the following plaint of a Manila journal:—"Eyes have they, but they see not, noses have they, but they smell not," might be said with good reason of some of the health inspectors of Manila.

Last week was entirely free from plague, but during the 48 hours ending at noon yesterday, a fatal case was reported at Hollywood Road. Totals now read, 291 cases, 273 deaths. Of other communicable diseases, there was one case only, pulmonary fever.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. held at Alexandra Buildings last night, the question of admitting sailors and soldiers as members of the Association was discussed. All the members present were in favour of so doing, and the feeling of the meeting will be referred to the committee of management.

A meeting of merchants and others interested in the extension of trade in Hunan was held at the office of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Shanghai on Sept. 15th, at which the case of Mr. Bennett was to be considered. There was to be a discussion of the measures to be taken to enable him to continue his work as a pioneer of foreign trade at Changsha.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Reading-room for the week ending the 17th September, 1905:—

	Reading-room.
Non-Chinese	165
Chinese	42
Total	207

The fears for the four Englishmen besieged near Baku, as mentioned in a recent *Daily Press* telegram, are happily dispelled by the following despatch to the *N.C. Daily News*:—"Mr. Urquhart, the British Vice-Consul at Baku, dashed through the besiegers at the head of a small escort of cavalry, and rescued the four Englishmen who were besieged in a house at Baku."

"M.A.P." has this as an answer to a correspondent:—"Etiquette."—A black tie should never be worn with an evening tail coat, nor a white tie with a dinner jacket. It would not be correct to wear the latter at dinner-parties even in your own house in London.—Colonials appear to have a different standard of "good form."

H. E. Wu Chang-hai, the Director General of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration, has wired to the Viceroy at Nanking that a telegraph line will be established from Shanghai to Soochow and to Nanking along the Shanghai Nanking railway and the work will commence from the end of this month, and due protection from the local officials along the line is asked for.—*Sinwainpoo*.

The proposal that China should claim compensation from the two belligerents for the loss and damage caused by them in Manchuria, has fallen through. The claim was only proposed by one of the high metropolitan officials, in the event of the belligerents making large claims on China for their expenses in Manchuria, in which case it was hoped, the *N.C. Daily News* says, to enlist the sympathies of the Powers in China's favour.

The *Nagasaki Press* of the 10th inst. reports the loss of another steamer from striking a drifting mine. It says:—"The Japanese steamer *Nagasaki Maru*, owned by Mr. T. Hashimoto of Nagasaki, while on a trip from Newchwang to Dalay, came into contact with a floating mine off Port Arthur on Tuesday morning and sank immediately. The first engineer and steward are missing, but the remainder of the crew were rescued by the *Kienan Maru* which happened to be passing at the time."

In March last the pearling vessel *Nikka*, ketch-rigged, with complete diving apparatus (Holske pump) is alleged to have been stolen from British New Guinea by the Japanese crew on board, and it is reported, was headed for the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, Straits Settlements, or Japan. Commanders of steamers seeking or hearing of this vessel will confer a favour by communicating with Messrs. Bowden Brothers & Co., Limited, either at Kobe or Thursday Island.

This interesting shipping item appeared in the *N.C. Daily News*:—"The str. *Eridan*, formerly a Messageries Maritimes liner, arrived here on Sept. 11th from Saigon, having been purchased by a local firm. She reports having experienced very heavy weather south of Hongkong, and officers and crew had an unpleasant voyage, as the vessel is forty years old and still has her original boilers and machinery, and her hull has been patched time after time. Between Saigon and Hongkong the crew were at work at the pumps night and day and she arrived at the latter port under the steam from only one boiler. From Hongkong to Shanghai the weather was fine."

A serious outbreak of fire threatening at one time to destroy what is perhaps the finest residential building in Singapore, occurred on Sept. 10th when new Jersall, the local residence of his Highness the Sultan of Johore, was observed to burst into flames. The palace is hidden away in extensive grounds stretching from the lake in the Botanical gardens over a very large area. The only buildings of importance near at hand are the barracks of the Sherwood Foresters, Woodhouse, lying between the barracks and Tyersall, and Athara and Clancy Lodge on the other side. All these places are however some distance away. Tyersall is now and has been for some time unoccupied and has been left in charge of the usual Malay Officials with four or five watchmen and guards. The *Singapore Free Press* gives a long account of the fire, which the Sherwood Foresters helped to put out. The ballroom wing was gutted. The total loss was officially estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT SECRET ARTICLE.

TO THE EDITOR "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Several daily papers of the Far East contained, since the declaration of peace at Washington, different articles in which insinuations were made that in the treaty of peace between Japan and Russia some secret convention was made, containing the clause that Russia would pay to Japan a certain sum as indemnity of war. This sum was estimated at between 70 and 80 million yen.

I am instructed by the Russian Government to protest most strongly against such rumours, and to state that no clause or no convention whatever exists by which Russia is engaged to pay any indemnity of war to Japan.

I request you to accept my best thanks for the space which you will kindly reserve for these lines, and have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant.

C. de BOLOGOWSKOY.

Imperial Russian Consul.

PROPERTY SALE.

Mr. Geo. P. Latamert, auctioneer, conducted a sale of valuable leasehold property at his Sale Rooms yesterday afternoon, when the premises registered in the Land Office as Section D of Sub-Section No. 2 of Section A of Marine Road No. 40, with the messuage and buildings thereon known as 152 Queen's Head East, were knocked down to a Chinese gentleman for \$6,000.

CANTON COMMERCIAL BUREAU.

On the 14th instant a meeting of gentry and leading merchants was held in the Kwang Yan Charitable Institution to decide the date when the Bureau of Commerce will open. It was unanimously agreed that the Bureau of Commerce will be temporarily established in Kwang Yik-ni; and the 20th instant has been fixed for the opening of the establishment. Mr. Lan Ching-ching has been appointed secretary, and Messrs. Lo Kwai-wei and Kwok Tze-ping inspectors of trades.—*Chung Ngai San Po*.

FITZGERALD'S ELEPHANT TAKES A HOLIDAY.

AND PAYS AN AFTERNOON CALL.

The *N.C. Daily News* of September 15th contains the following story, which should please our little folk:—At a quarter to five yesterday afternoon, while the racing and performance was in progress at the Circus, the elephant got loose and went out on a jaunt. It was rumoured at first that she had gone out on her tricycle, but not being well acquainted with the people said she had been seen trying to persuade a rich man to take her to St. George's Farm, but the coolie wisely said that the Municipal licence did not include elephants. Mrs. Jumbo thereupon set off on her own account, but not being well acquainted with the locality took the direction of Mohawk Road. The appearance of her keeper and another circus attendant on horse-back, who had the unkind intention of cutting short the lady's holiday, raised her spirit and she broke into a trot, setting off briskly by way of Chungking Road in the direction of the Avenue Paul Brunat and Szeiwei. The mounted pursuers were soon left far in the rear, the elephant being well aware that eleven years of exemplary life under discipline had left her friends at the circus, once she was headed off and faced by her keeper's eye, she would succumb meekly.

A crowd of excited and interested on-lookers watched her ladyship's triumphant progress, and while they took care to keep out of her way, the elephant herself was scrupulous in avoiding damage to anyone or anything. Well out in the country she evidently began to think it time for afternoon tea and a call. Spying a lady in a verandah, she went boldly up to the house and knocking some flowers from the garden, gracefully handed them up with her trunk as a propitiatory offering. To back up the appeal she went down on her knees, but our informant does not state whether or not she obtained the cup of tea, which was certainly deserved. What is also certain is that Mrs. Elephant had now had enough of freedom and responsibility, and knowing where she was well-treated, went quietly back the way she had come and rejoined her friends at the circus, where she was received with delight by every child in the vicinity.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

A *N.C. Daily News* telegram from Peking, 16th September, says:—
 With regard to the sum of over Tls. 6,400,000 which has to be paid to Mr. Pierpont Morgan and others, to enable China to take back the concession for the Yieh-Han railway, it is stated that only the sum of Tls. 3,500,000 has been raised in Kwantung, Hunan, and Hupoh provinces. The Chinese Government has therefore decided to borrow the balance, Tls. 3,000,000, from Great Britain, and the agreement has already been signed.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY.

The *Nanfengpao* (South China Daily Journal), publishes a telegram of date Sept. 13th to the effect that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has concluded a loan of three million taels with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to meet the payment of the first instalment for the repurchase of the Canton-Hankow railway, the loan agreement having been signed on the 7th instant. Apropos, sentiment amongst the Chinese who are concerned in the repurchase of the line being strongly against placing the railway under foreign control, the Viceroy is in a position to have a lien on it. Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, in borrowing money from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, did not venture to offer the railway as security for the loan, but it is understood, gave, instead, a portion of the salt revenues of the Hukang provinces.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The G.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th Sept., and left again at 2 p.m. on Monday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 2 p.m. to-day.
 The G.P.R. str. *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th Sept., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at noon to-day.
 The G.N. str. *Manassas* left Shanghai at 10 a.m. on the 16th inst., and is due here at daylight to-day.
 The Ben Line str. *Benvenue*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 17th inst. for this port.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

THE SCANDINAVIAN CRISIS.

LONDON, 18th September.

The Scandinavian crisis is ended.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN KASHMIR.

LONDON, 18th September.

Destructive floods have occurred in Kashmir.

BARON KOMURA RECOVERING.

LONDON, 18th September.

Baron Komura is recovering from his recent attack of typhoid fever.

ROYAL REVIEW OF VOLUNTEERS.

LONDON 18th September.

His Majesty the King reviews 38,000 volunteers at Edinburgh to-day.

THE IMPRISONED BRITISH SUBJECT.

SHANGHAI, 18th September.

Young Laisun, the British subject who was arrested and (it was rumoured) tortured by the Chinese magistrate at Quinsan, has been brought to Shanghai by Vice-Consul Twyman.

The following excerpt from the *N.C. Daily News* explains the prompt release:—"Sir Pehlan Warren, our Consul General here, acting with his usual promptitude, at once wrote to the Shanghai Tao-ai—who is the Quinsan, or K'unshan magistrate's superior officer—demanding the youth's release."

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE INSURRECTION IN THE CAUCASUS.

LONDON, 16th September.

The insurgents in Baku threaten to kill all workmen who resume work and to burn the works where any attempt to repair damages is made. Various districts were fired on Thursday night, and many skirmishes took place, with considerable loss of life.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

LONDON, 16th September.

Vesuvius is increasingly active, and frequent undulatory shocks occur around the volcano. The activity of Stromboli is also very remarkable.

HEAT PLUS ALCOHOL.

The report of the Shanghai M.O.H. for August opened with the following significant comment:—"The Public Health during August has been exceptionally good despite the great heat; the only infectious disease notified among the resident foreign community being three cases of typhoid fever. The great heat resulted in five deaths among foreigners; the cause of such deaths being usually heat plus alcohol."


NO NEW LINK OFFICES.

The following from the *N.C. Daily News*, shows that the alarm at Shanghai regarding new impositions on merchandise in transit was unnecessary:—"With reference to Mr. Chang Chien's connection with the scheme to lighten the financial pressure caused by the boycott on American piece goods we are given to understand that the Shanghai did not send what are styled 'instructions' on the matter to Mr. Chang Chien who, by the way, is Senior to that Board, but made it a request by letter and by telegram that he should see what he could do in the matter, he being given the option to take up the task or not as he might think fit. We are also informed that besides himself the Shanghai sent similar requests to five other prominent Chinese in Shanghai, namely Messrs. Tang, Chang, Wang, Sun, and Chen, who were asked to act in conjunction with Mr. Chang Chien. We are further informed with regard to the reported imposition of a fine, or fines, that this matter was agitated for by representatives of the educational societies who accused the mercantile portion of the Boycott League of breaking their promises and wanted an example made by the infliction of a fine on a piece goods house named Sui Ta-sheng. It was, however, afterwards discovered that the league in question had acted in ignorance at the time, not having been notified by the representatives of the piece goods trade in the Boycott League of the rules that had been decided upon. It was, therefore, subsequently agreed in the presence of all concerned that the representatives of the piece goods trade in the Boycott League should pay the fine (or failing to give the said notification); this money to be used for establishing an office for lightening the financial pressure caused by the boycott. In the end, however, matters having been settled in another way it was decided not to establish such an office, the Chamber of Commerce having agreed to undertake the duty of making investigations, etc. Such being the case, no fine was imposed, and the matter ended. Furthermore, it is asserted that Mr. Chang Chien's role task is to try and straighten out the financial situation arising out of the boycott if possible, and has nothing to do with the prohibition or otherwise of the sale of the boycotted goods. Finally it is stated that before Mr. Chang Chien and his associates came on the scene the mercantile associations had already stamps in use for the purpose of stamping goods that could be sold; the stamps were never intended to raise money on them, nor was it intended to establish new link offices. It is presumed that the explanation will entirely clear Mr. Chang Chien."

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EGYPT, MARSEILLES,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA
PORTS.**

The Steamship
“**ERNEST SIMONS,**”
Captain Ailland, will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on **TUESDAY, the 19th
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This Steamship connects at Colombo with the
Australian Line s.s. “**DUMBEA,**” bound for
Marseilles via Bombay and Aden.
Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading
issued for above ports.
Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.
Next sailings will be as follows:
S.S. “**POLYNESIEN**” 3rd Oct.
S.S. “**CALEDONIEN**” 17th Oct.
S.S. “**OCEANIAN**” 31st Oct.
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.**

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
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THE Steamship

"SIMLA,"

Captain C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from heretofore Bombay on SATURDAY, the 23rd Sept., morning, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Himalaya," 6,998 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped at Hongkong, and cleared for proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Arabia" due in London on the 4th November, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and values of all parcels are secured.

For further particulars, apply to
L. B. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1905. [1]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.**

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)			
FOR	STEAMERS		
+ SHANGHAI	SWATOW ANNPO	"CHOYSANG" ...	Tuesday, 10th Sept., 3 P.M.
+ SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG" ...	Friday, 22nd Sept., 3 P.M.
+ MANILA	"LOONGSANG" ...	Friday, 22nd Sept., 4 P.M.
TIENTSIN	"ESANG"	Saturday, 23rd Sept., 2 P.M.
+ SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 26th Sept., Noon.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

+ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang and Yungtze.

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+ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Lahat, Datu, Sipornia, Tawao, Kudat, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1905. 18

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTS, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.		
STATIONS AND ROUTE.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
* SCANDIA	HAYRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 23rd Sept. Freight
Capt. v. Doehren	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
* SILESIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 4th Oct. Freight
Capt. Bahle	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
SUEVIA	HAYRE, ANTWERP and HAMBURG	On 10th Oct. Freight
Capt. Kniel	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
* SLAVONIA	HAYRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 18th Oct. Freight
Capt. Borden	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
SEGUVIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 1st Nov. Freight
Capt. Schinfieldt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
SENEGAMBIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 15th Nov. Freight
Capt. Jaburg	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	Passenger
C. FERD. LAESZ	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 20th Nov. Freight
Capt. v. Hoff	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	About 5th Oct. Freight
* YANDALIA	with liberty to call at the Malacca coast	
Capt. Hoff		

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG S'YAUHAI INLAND NEAR OF JAPAN, MOTI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE			PORTLAND, OREGON OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.	
STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON	
"NICOMEDIA".....	4,370	Wegmann.....	September 26th, 1905.	
"NUMANTIA".....	4,370	Feldmann.....	October 14th, 1905.	
"ARABIA".....	4,483	Metzenhain.....	November 7th, 1905.	

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

S. SILVERSTONE, ACTING GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1905.

HONGKONG-MANILA.



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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila.	Sat., 23rd Sept., Noon.
RUBI	2540	A. Nodley	Manila.	Sat., 30th Sept., Noon.


For Freight or Passage apply to

SHAW, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1915.

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HONGKONG-NEW YORK.


AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY
FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ
CANAL.
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST)
 S.S. "ALSTON" On 20th October.
 For freight and further information apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
 GENERAL AGENTS
 Hongkong, 5th September, 1905. [1004]

SETS ON THE BERTH



**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.**

**STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA
AND KOBE.**

THE Company's Steamship

"SILESIA," will leave for the above
places **TODAY, the 13th inst.** p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WISLER & CO.,
Agents,
Princes Building.
Hongkong, 13th September, 1905. [3]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	{ CHUSAN H. W. Kenrick, R.N.R. }	About 21st September	{ Freight and Passage. }
LONDON, &c.	{ SIMLA C. D. Goldsmith, B.N.L. }	Noon, 23rd September	{ See Special Advertisement. }

**IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINE.**

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STEAMER FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT. BLACK SEA AND BAETIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
	1905
BOON	27th September
BAYERN	11th October
ZIETEN	25th October
PRINCESS ALICE	8th November
SACHSEN	22nd November
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	6th December
PRINZ HEINRICH	20th December
	1906
PRINZ HEINRICH FRIEDRICH	3rd January
GNIBISENAU	17th January
ROON	31st January
PREUSSEN	14th February
ZIETEN	28th February

SEPTEMBER 1905 at Noon the Steamship

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 1895, the S.S. "BOON," Captain G. Meiners, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 25th September. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 26th September, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 26th September. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELOHERS & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1895.

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Steamship

"WILLEHAD,"
 Captain OBERHAUSE (ready to load on this morning, the 19th inst.) will leave for above places TO-MORROW (20th inst.) at 10 a.m.
 This Steamer is specially fitted for Passenger and is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
 A fully qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are carried.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
NORDDIECKSCHER LLOYD,
 MELCHERS & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 15th September, 1905. 1976

SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR."
Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the
above ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at
3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
Agents.
Hutchinson, 18th September, 1903. [2104

Long, 1981, September, 1982.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
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THE Company's Steamship
"CALEDONIEN".
Captain Gregori, will be despatched for about
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inst.
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Caledonian*, with the French mail of the 18th August left Saigon on Sunday the 17th inst. at 3 a.m., and may be expected here at 10 p.m. to-night. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 15th.

The *Chusan*, with the English mail of the 25th August left Singapore on Saturday, the 10th inst. at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 21st inst. at 6 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 25th, and the parcel mail closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 16th of August, and for despatch overland on the 23rd of August.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHUI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. Sunday the mails for CANTON, SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, KUMCHUK, SAMSHUI, WUCHOW and On Mails for NANTAO, SAMSHUI, KUMCHUK, SAMSHUI, WUCHOW are closed at 9 a.m. *CANTON are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitian	Tuesday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Haitian and Haiphong	Haitian	Tuesday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Tsingtau and Chiofoo	Haitian	Tuesday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Europe, S.C. India via Tuticorin	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Swatow	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Swatow, Ningpo and Shanghai	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Manila	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Quang Chow Wan	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Amoy	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Frederick, Willamson, Herberthshohe, Lancashire, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Tsingtau and Chiofoo	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Swatow	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Europe	Tuesday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Macao, Singapore, Penang and Calcutta (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) Parcels mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd inst.

TO-DAY.
Sole Home-Child Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Ben edies, 230 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 11 1/2	
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	24 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	24 1/2
ON GERMANY.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	159 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	14 1/2
bank, on demand	14 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	14 1/2
bank, on demand	14 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	72
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	55 1/2
ON KANSAI.—	
On demand—Pesos	95
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	9 p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	11 1/2
ON HONGKONG.—	
On demand	9 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	Par.
ON BANGKOK.—	
Cn demand	61 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	10.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	53.65
18 SILVER, per oz.	28 1/2

OPTIUM.

Quotations are—	Allow for net to 1 catty.
Mauwa New	\$11.00 to — per picul
Mauwa Old	\$11.00 to — per picul
Mauwa Y. Old	\$13.00 to — per picul
Persian Ancestry	\$16.00 to — per picul
Persian extra fine	\$12.00 to — per picul
Potna New	\$10.00 to — per chest
Potna Old	\$10.50 to — per chest
Bengal New	\$9.00 to — per chest
Bengal Old	\$10.25 to — per chest

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. *Caledonia* left Saigon on the 17th Sept. at 1 a.m. for this port, and is due here to-day.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. str. *Chusan* left Singapore for this port on the 16th Sept. at 8 a.m. and is due here on the 21st Sept. at 6 a.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. *Mongolia* left Yokohama on the 14th Sept. and will arrive at Hongkong on the 28th Sept.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Zieten* left Colombo on Saturday, a.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 27th Sept.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th Sept. and is again at 2 p.m. on Monday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 2 p.m. to-day.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The G.N. str. *Minnesota* left Shanghai on the

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong, 18th September.		
Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai.	\$125	\$300, buyers
National B. of China		\$100, buyers
A. Shares		\$25, buyers
Rel's Asbestos E. A.	125	\$7, buyers
China-Banco Co.		\$117.50
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$10.
China Provident	\$10	\$10, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo.	Ts. 50	Ts. 52, buyers
Hongkong	Ts. 100	Ts. 101, sellers
International	Ts. 75	Ts. 75.50
Luau Kung Mow	Ts. 100	Ts. 100, buyers
Soychou	Ts. 500	Ts. 500, buyers
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$17, sales & buy.
Docks and Wharves—		
Farman, D. & Co.	Ts. 100	Ts. 140, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$101.
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$195, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$61	\$17, buyers
S'hai & H. Wharf	Ts. 100	Ts. 185, buyers
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	\$25	\$28.
G. & J. Cement	\$10	\$25, sales & sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$175, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$15, sales & buy.
Du. New	\$5	\$91, sellers
H. H. L. Transvaal	\$100	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$25	\$245, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$250, buyers
Hongkong Hope Co.	\$50	\$152.
H'kong S. Waterboat	\$10	\$14, sales
Insurance—		
Canton	\$50	\$335, buyers
China Fire	\$20	\$20, buyers
China Traders	\$25	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$340, sales
North China	\$25	Ts. 62.
Union	\$100	\$755, buyers
Yangtze	\$90	\$172.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$124.
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$121, sales & buy.
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$40.
Shanghai Land	Ts. 60	Ts. 122.
West Point Building	\$50	\$55.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$499.
Raubs	\$10	\$84, buyers
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$8, sellers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$230, sales
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers
Steamship Companies—		
China and Manila	\$25	\$20, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$30	\$35, buyers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$24, buyers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$10	\$50, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$10	\$18, buyers
Do. Preference	\$10	\$25, buyers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$33, sellers
Do. New	\$5	\$25, sellers
Shanghai & S. P. Co.	\$20	\$20, buyers
South China M. Post	\$20	\$20, buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$5.
Do.	\$5	\$14, buyers
Stores and Dispensaries—		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$30.
Powell & Co. Wm.	\$10	\$111, buyers
Watkins	\$10	\$7, sellers
Watson & Co. A. S.	\$10	\$14, buyers
United Asbestos	\$4	\$9, buyers
Do. Foundries	\$10	\$10.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 19th to the 25th September.	High Water.	Low Water.
Hour.	Height.	Height.
Tues. 19	0.11	0.11
Wed. 20	0.11	0.11
Thurs. 21	0.11	0.11
Fri. 22	0.11	0.11
Sat. 23	0.11	0.11
Sun. 24	0.11	0.11
Mon. 25	0.11	0.11

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Previous Day	On Date at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.80	29.80
Temperature	71	71
Humidity	71	71
Wind Direction	N	N
Force	0	0
Weather	0	0
Rain	0	0
Highest open air temperature on 17th	84	84
Lowest open air temperature on 17th	77	77

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PRICE	PER CASE	PRICE	PER CASE
OP	1 Doz.	OP	1 Doz.
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Sole Agents:
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Hongkong, 17th January, 1905.

MAP OF THE SIKIANG OR WEST RIVER.

From Hongkong to Wuchow, showing the Ports and Calling Places Opened to Foreign Trade, 1897. Published at Daily Press Office. Price 25 Cents, Cash. Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship.

"ANDALUSIA."

Captain Filler, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival, hereafter which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1905. [2125]

BOSTON TOWNSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LYRA."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO, HAMA, KOBE, MOJI, AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents, Hongkong, 13th September, 1905. [7]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SOURABAYA AND PROBOINGO.

STEAMSHIP "BLACKHEATH."

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents, Hongkong, 13th September, 1905. [2137]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer.

"DIOMED."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and after landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 19th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 15th September, 1905. [9410]

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "NICOMEDIA."

FROM PORTLAND (ENGLAND), YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

S. SILVERSTONE, Acting General Agent, Hongkong, 18th September, 1905. [13]

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IN LIQUIDATION.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	8.00 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.00 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	2.00 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	6.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	8.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	9.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	10.00 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	11.00 p.m.	11.30 p.m.	12.00 a.m.	12.30 a.m.	1.00 a.m.	1.30 a.m.	2.00 a.m.	2.30 a.m.	3.00 a.m.	3.30 a.m.	4.00 a.m.	4.30 a.m.	5.00 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	6.00 a.m.	6.30 a.m.	7.00 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	8.00 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	9.00 a
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